

assistants; in Class II., three assistants; in Class III., two assistants; in Class IV., one assistant. And there shall be as many juniors as are required to make up the number of teachers here prescribed.

The salaries shall be as follows:—

Principal.—Class I., £400, and 5s. capitation for the excess over 700; Class II., £320, and 5s. capitation for the excess over 400; Class III., £260, and 8s. capitation for the excess over 250; Class IV., £225 and 5s. capitation for the excess over 150; Class V. (a), £200, fixed; Class V. (b), £165, fixed; Class V. (c), £140, fixed.

Sole Teacher.—Class VI. (a), £130, for attendance 25 to 35; Class VI. (b), capitation at £3 15s., with £20 added, for 20 to 24; Class VI. (c), capitation at £3 15s.

Assistants.—Class I., £320, £260, £200, £150; Class II., £260, £200, £150; Class III., £200, £150; Class IV., £150; Class V. (a), £130; Class V. (b), £110; Class V. (c), £90.

Juniors.—£60 for one, £60 and £70 for two, £60, £70, and £80 for three; £60, £70, £80, and £90 for four; £100 for a fifth, and £100 for each above that status.

Pupil-teachers.—First year, £16; second year, £24; third year, £32; fourth year, £40.

A pupil-teacher remaining after four years' service, and not promoted to be junior or assistant, will receive only such remuneration as will not make the average pay of the pupil-teachers in the school higher than £28.

Example.—Average, 839. School in Class I. Principal's salary, £434 15s. (£400 and capitation). Four assistants—£320, £260, £200, £150. Nine pupil-teachers (eight for 800, and one for 39). For 839 there must be seventeen besides the principal; therefore there must be four juniors.

On the 31st March, 1895, the working average was 109,044. Had the schools been then organized on this scale, these would have been the results (the salaries of pupil-teachers being estimated at an average of £28): Class I., 13 schools, 11,034 pupils; tuition cost per head, £2-328. Class II., 41 schools, 20,936 pupils; tuition cost per head, £2-581. Class III., 36 schools, 11,408 pupils; tuition cost per head, £2-580. Class IV., 63 schools, 12,146 pupils; tuition cost per head, £2-641. Class V. (a.), 50 schools, 6,560 pupils; tuition cost per head, £2-942. Class V. (b.), 126 schools, 11,624 pupils; tuition cost per head, £3-234. Class V. (c.), 387 schools, 19,378 pupils; tuition cost per head, £4-593. Class VI. (a.), 265 schools, 7,796 pupils; tuition cost per head, £4-418. Class VI. (b.), 154 schools, 3,380 pupils; tuition cost per head, £4-661. Class VI. (c.), 296 schools, 4,782 pupils; tuition cost per head, £3-750. Total, 1,431 schools, 109,044 pupils; tuition, £3 5s. 1½d. each.

Number of Teachers.—Principal, 716; sole, 715; assistants, 873; juniors, 265; pupil-teachers, 850: total, 3,419 (one for 31-9 pupils).

Average pay of 3,419 teachers, £355,077-7 ÷ 3,419 = £103 17s. 1d. Capitation paid to Boards, £408,915; inspection subsidy, £4,000; cost of tuition, £355,077; available for management, inspection, and incidentals, £57,838.

Wellington, July, 1895.

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SCHOOL-BOOKS.—CIRCULAR TO EDUCATION BOARDS.

The question of uniformity of school-books has been brought under the attention of the Minister of Education.

The Minister deems it unlikely that the want of uniformity in school-books would often create serious inconvenience through removal of children from one education district to another; on the other hand, he thinks that hardship might frequently be caused thereby through the removal of pupils from one school to another within the same education district; and he wishes to point out that this matter would be set right if every Education Board would see that the chief books, especially the Readers, were the same in all schools under its jurisdiction.

Under the regulations just issued the number of series of Readers authorised has been reduced from ten to six, but the Minister considers that there is still ample choice to enable Boards to suit the wants of their respective districts; and he desires me to call the attention of the Boards to the obligation imposed by the regulations of confining their choice of books to those contained in the list of authorised school-books.

I might suggest that the hardship that sometimes ensues when pupils are moved from one education district to another would largely disappear if Boards would adopt some such plan as that of buying from pupils second-hand books in good condition, the books so bought being either sold again or kept to be used as supplementary Readers when the Readers in use were changed.

GEORGE HOBGEN,

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Secretary for Education.

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